



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: B. Mackey, et al.

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For: PROTECTED SUBSTRATE STRUCTURE FOR A FIELD EMISSION
DISPLAY DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

and

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Per the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit the following preliminary amendment for filing in the above captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered into the above captioned patent application before examination thereof.